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SACWN PRESENTS...

CRIS WILLIAMSON AND TRET FURE

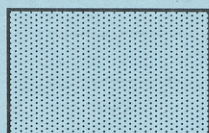


Cris Williamson and Tret Fure will celebrate their 17th anniversary in May. They have been making music together for 16 years. *"Between the Covers,"* their second release as a duo has been on the lesbian best-sellers list since for nearly a year. It is the first release on Wolf Moon Records, their own label.

Williamson has been playing music professionally for more than 30 years. *"Between the Covers"* is her 20th album. A pioneer in women's music and the lesbian community, Williamson co-founded Olivia Records and was one of the first openly-lesbian performers. Her seminal *"The Changer and the Changed,"* released in 1974, struck a chord with many listeners.

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Date: Saturday, April 25, 1998
Place: 24th Street Theater
Sierra 2
2791 24th Street, Sacramento
Time: 8 p.m.
Tickets: \$ 15 Member
\$ 20 Non-members and
At the Door
See ticket order form on inside back cover.



From the Steering Committee

For the second year in a row, SACWN had a "sold out" theater for comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer. Thank you for your support. We hope you enjoyed the concert.

Suzanne was recovering from major surgery. If you were at the concert you heard all about the removal of her uterus! Her material was very different from last year, and if you saw her last year, you know that she was just not quite herself. At the reception after the show, she admitted that it was less than six weeks since her hospitalization and she probably didn't have her strength back. "When I did the joke where I stamp my foot and throw my arms back, it was really painful. I just told myself to keep on going, no one else knows how much it hurts and I got through it. I just didn't want to cancel the performance." And we are so glad she didn't.

A lot will be happening this Spring. We will run the third series of SACWN swing and ballroom dance classes with John Batchelor. Everyone is just loving the chance to twirl with John!

Cris Williamson and Tret Fure will join us in April for a concert at Sierra 2's 24th Street Theater. A special

SACWN SALON in May will feature two musicians, who are new to town. Bring your instruments and join in. Check out next month's newsletter for more happenings.

There are changes on the horizon for the management of SACWN. For the past six years, SACWN has been run by a management company. That company is expanding and taking a new direction and has notified SACWN that they do not wish to renew the management contract after June of this year.

If you know someone who is interested in receiving the Request for Proposal to bid to provide management services, please have them call 916-451-8034 for the packet. Responses to the proposal request will be due before the end of April, 1998.

Have an incredible Vernal Equinox!



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Special Interest Groups - March, 1998

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are small groups of women who meet around a common interest. It's a great way to meet other lesbians in an informal environment. Just give the facilitator a call, and she'll be glad to tell you all about the group and their activities.

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TOP 10

Join the group for a St. Patrick's Day Potluck at Paula and Sharon's on Sunday, March 15, 3 p.m. RSVP to Paula at 967-0560 by March 14.

Dinner at T-Bones on Sunday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m. at 5060 Madison Avenue. RSVP to Lenora at 444-0102 by March 26.

TOP 10 is a group of women over 50 and women who love women over 50! We meet at least once a month at restaurants around town. Occasionally we have fun at home parties. Come join us for an evening of fun!

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THE BOOK GROUP

Interested in participating in a discussion of books? Call Joy at 452-5513 to put your name on the list to be notified of future meetings.

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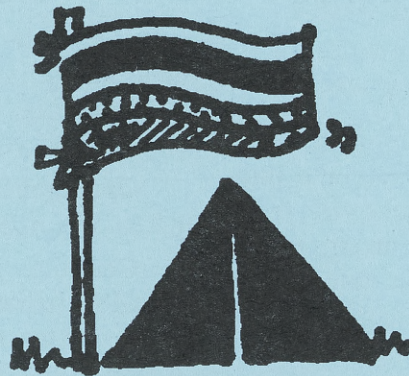
We're an active, well-organized group which gets together once a month to go day hiking. Please call for details. Join us! Ann 443-3638 and Sue 927-8320.

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RAINBOW CAMPERS

Attention campers: Be advised that Rainbow Campers has planned a number of camping events for the 1998 season. Specific itinerary was planned last month and will be published in next month's newsletter.

The group is open to women who want to camp with other women. If you have a tent, trailer, pop-up, motor home or other, come camp with us. For more information, call Barb at 929-3074.



NEWCOMERS

New to the community? New to SACWN? Or do you just want to come out and meet new friends? Call Diana 487-3124 to find out about the upcoming meeting.

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HELLO!

ABOUT THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Is there something you like to do, that you'd rather not do alone? Or do you and your partner want to meet other women who share similar interests? Facilitating a SACWN Special Interest Group (SIG) is a great way to make that happen.

The rules are simple. You set the date, plan the happening and call the SACWN office to let us know. That part's easy, too. Just dictate your announcement on to the answering machine; or to make sure it's spelled right in the newsletter, fax it in.

Information is needed by the third Friday of the month before publication. The SIG needs to advertise only in SACWN, and all SACWN members must be welcome to attend. No funds may be collected by the SIGs, except those that will be used directly in that event (paper plates and napkin, that kind of collection for reimbursement is okay, but no admission may be charged by the facilitator.)

If I don't hear from you about your SIG for two months running, I consider you are not meeting and will pull the ad. There is an obligation on your part to communicate with this office to remain supported, but that's all there is to it. It's a great way to meet people, a wonderful way to build community.

SACWN CALENDAR

SACWN EVENTS

MARCH 6 SACWN NIGHT AT LAMBDA PLAYERS "THE CAPTIVE"

Board a luxury liner for a trip back in time to Paris where a young lesbian struggles with her desires and the morals and family values of the 1920's. This classic played successfully in Paris and Berlin, but was banned from Broadway in 1927 for its pro-lesbian content, and has not been produced since. Join us at the Geary Theater, 2130 L Street, in Sacramento. A few tickets were left at press time. Reservations with SACWN must be made by Wednesday, March 4, at 451-8034.

MARCH 28-MAY 2 DANCE CLASS WITH JOHN BATCHELOR

Join Sacwn for six weeks for swing and ballroom dance classes on Saturdays at 2 p.m. at Sierra 2. Just \$25 for the six sessions. See order form on page 6.

APRIL 25 CRIS WILLIAMSON AND TRET FURY IN CONCERT

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Tret Fure began her professional career in the early '70's. As a songwriter, performer, engineer and producer, she has worked in a range of musical styles, from folk to rock. While Fure is newer to the women's music scene than her partner, she holds trailblazer status as one of the few women to work in the technical areas of music. *"Between the Covers"* is her seventh album.



IN THE COMMUNITY

MARCH 12 - LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP IN AUBURN AT THE DEWITT CENTER FROM 7-9 P.M. FOR INFORMATION, CALL 632-7080

MARCH 21- GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS BIKE RIDE NEAR AUBURN. CALL SUZANNE AT 668-0691 FOR INFO.

MARCH 21 - THE LAST READING OF CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN. SEE ARTICLE BELOW.

APRIL 1998 - AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN ON TOUR CONFERENCE IN LA. CALL CHERISE WITHERSPOON AT 916-689-8048 FOR INFORMATION.

APRIL 9 - LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP IN AUBURN AT THE DEWITT CENTER FROM 7-9 P.M. FOR INFORMATION, CALL 632-7080

THE LAST READING OF CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN

The Winters Opera House is a live music and drama venue, struggling to be reborn. The theater was restored in 1994 and has been producing professional entertainment for four years.

On March 21, the play by Carolyn Gage, (presented by SACWN in March of 1995) will be performed.

Charlotte Cushman was one of the greatest actors of the 19th century. She was an outspoken lesbian who became the toast of two continents playing roles written for men and playing them better than any other actor of her time.

This one-woman show focuses on those roles, as well as her life, loves, and times. *"The Last Reading of Charlotte Cushman,"* is rich in pathos and humor and a celebration for women's history month.

The Winters Opera House is at 13 Main Street in Winters, 12 miles west of Davis on Country Road 13 (Covell Boulevard). For information call 530/795-4220.

Born and raised in Hollywood, California, Diana Sharpe remembers pitching a mean fastball on her junior high softball team. "But it was a lousy team, I know now there just weren't enough dykes on it!"

Diana was a tom boy who read every book she could find on baseball and Native American Indians. "I'd roam the chaparral pretending to be an Indian brave." As she approached her teenage years, she went into hibernation, focusing on her schoolwork. "For some obscure reason, unbeknownst to me at the time, I didn't date boys in high school."

After graduating from Hollywood High School, she earned a bachelor's degree from UC Santa Barbara in social science and a master's in education. "I worked as a recreation therapist for developmentally-disabled adults, as a recreation coordinator for an elderly retirement home, and later as a vocational rehabilitation counselor doing private worker compensation assistance. I enjoyed the work and always had a sense of wonder that I got paid for the work I was doing."

Currently Diana works as a vocational expert providing forensic testimony for social security, personal injury and medical malpractice and family law cases. "Starting in April, I'll begin working to establish the hours of experience required to be certified for a psychologist's license." She will also be teaching human development at the Professional School of Psychology where she recently received a Ph. D. in psychology.

Diana admits that because of school and a period of intense intellectual and emotional growth, she's had no social life for the past five years and almost forgot what

it was like to be a lesbian. What would the woman of her dreams be like? "Well, she'd be intelligent, she'd appreciate a dry sense of humor and she would understand my personal commitment to being the best person I could be."



Diana loves to walk and hike and garden. "I have a large garden with seven fruit trees, grapes, strawberries, blackberries and artichokes. Each summer I plant a large vegetable garden." Diana's home has been in Arden Park for the past six years.

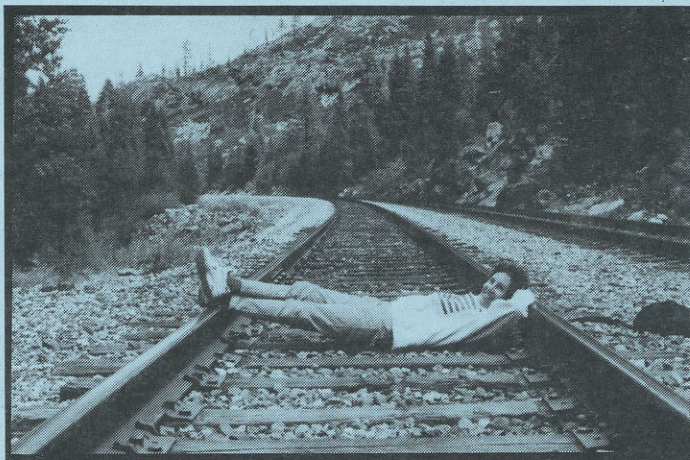
"What I like most of all, is the wonderful friends I have in my life. My favorite thing is to spend time just hanging out, talking and visiting together."

"School has been a fabulous experience for me. I discovered capabilities in myself that far exceeded my expectations. I co-authored a book on curriculum development for graduate and undergraduate students to prepare them for the post-modern world. I am currently co-writing a book with a colleague from school on the internal feminine and masculine in each person."

Diana couldn't decide which picture to use for the SACWN article. "It's my personality. I'm a very serious person, and I'm also very goofy. The one picture shows my humor, and the other is just so immediate to me. It's my softness, yet with a strong presence told in my eyes. I wanted to use both." And so we did.

If she won the lottery and wouldn't need to work, Diana would return to school for a doctorate in mythology, "but if I don't win the lottery, I want to work as a forensic psychologist, do clinical work, write books and teach psychology."

What is success to Diana? "When I get to be real old, people will consider me a woman of wisdom and a real mensch."



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**Cris Williamson
and Tret Fure**

24th Street Theater

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